

The Fearless Spectator



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It is a view held in some learned quarters that, in the murky recesses of our hearts, us here sporting authors a e all frustrated fullbacks or twisted third basemen. These same savants are not above muttering G. B. S.'s line about "those who can, do; those who cannot, teach." Because we "didn't make the third-string lacrosse team, the argument runs, we spend the rest of our lives working out our obscure aggressions by attacking a lot of clean-living, highly co-ordinated American heroes. It is even suggested that we are less rosy with righteousness than green with envy.

I'm beginning to think there's something to this view. Though we can't run or field good, there are some of us authors who write kinda good. We get even with our betters by using the quill. Boy, do we ever! We use our lexicon the way one of those darling Minuteman uses a recoilless rifle.

Athletes merely win a contest. Sports writers rock, sock, stagger, swamp, jolt, jar, rout, decision, upset, topple or trounce the opponent. And if these verbs of action are vitiated by continual use, the authors clobber, annihilate, atomize, H-bomb, humiliate, thump, gouge, whack, down, blast or pulverize the hated foe while orbiting to or eking out a victory.

These snappy sentiments were snipped from our nation's sporting pages by one Professor Percy Tannenbaum, a University of Wisconsin communications expert. He made a survey of sports writing, and called what he found "Sportuguese" — a coinage for which one must be eternally grateful. The good doctor found that regular readers of sports page lingo "experience no difficulty in comprehending . . . but others are kept in the dark."

You know who those wicked "others" are. The broads. The word of the sports page is one of the few enclaves of male pleasure that has not been invaded by our glorious mates. And we mean to keep it that way. Us sporting writers will continue to guard the sacred flame. We shall continue to write a carefully cabalistic prose, so crowded with veriginous verbs and arcane adjectives that even a lady golfer will scarcely know what we are talking about.

The only place where a woman can get a voyeuristic peek into this special world of sports is, of course, in the lines of the Fearless Spectator. "Tell the dollies something about sports, but not too much" was our mandate when we took up the task of knocking out a daily homily about the sweaty armpit set. On the whole we have been successful. Once, however, we referred to a boxing writer as a Thucydides of thud, only to have several learned ladies inquire what a thud meant.

Meantime, rest assured that nobody's going to get staggered or blasted in this column. They will be titubant or nucleated. Class, above all.

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INSPIRATIONAL AWARD . . . Most inspirational player on the El Camino College grid team during the past football season was team's leading scorer, Mike Andrews, also an All-Metropolitan Conference grid selection. He is congratulated, above, by Coach Doug Essick during presentation ceremonies held this week at the Norm Verry Memorial Dinner sponsored by American Legion Post 184 in Redondo Beach.

SANTA ANA NEXT El Camino Cagers Bow To Orange Coast, 80-69

After a season-evening defeat at the hands of Orange Coast, 80 to 68, El Camino hoopsters will attempt to get back on the winning trail against Santa Ana, Tuesday night at 8 in the Tribe gym.

Following a heartstopping win against Cerritos, EC went into the Pirates contest with bouyed hopes that were soon deflated by Orange Coast. The hosts raced to a 34 to 31 half time lead then poured 46 points into the net after intermission to walk away with an easy win.

Ron Dinnel, freshman ace from Aviation netted 17 points to lead the Indians in the losing cause. Starter Keith Erickson and substitute Dick Jones each gunned in 10 points for the Warriors.

After considerable experimenting, it appears EC mentor George Stanich has finally settled on a starting five.

Three lettermen, guard Dan Karavas and Dave Brownand forward Mike Shradler plus forward Ron Dinnel and center Keith Erickson will team-up to compose the Warrior's

starting five. Dick Jones is a threat to Brown or Karvas at the guard slots. Jones has been impressive with his ball handling and shooting, dropping in 10 points against Orange Coast.

Dan Karavas shoved El Camino into the lead for the first time in the contest against Cerritos when he hit on a pair of free throws with 6:05 remaining in the game and EC moved ahead 47-46.

After almost two minutes, Keith Erickson dunked a short jumper to make the scoreboard read 49-46, and the Tribe was on the way to its second victory of the season against an opening game defeat.

Behind 33 to 28 at intermission, Camino fell even further arrears, dropping eight points down at one time in the second half before resorting to a stingy full-court press to limit the Falcons to 17 final-half points.

Not limiting his worth entirely to the shooting department, Karavas hauled in several crucial rebounds during the final frantic minutes of action as Cerritos tried to overcome the Tribes' slim lead.

Behind 16 to 7 with half of the first period gone, ECC batted back to tie things up at 23-23 before Cerritos went on a scoring binge and pulled into its comfortable half-time lead.

Falling before Glendale City College, 79-60, the Indians bounced back to trample College of the Sequoias 81-68 with another second half tally.

SEASON OPENS

Spurian, Tartar Quintets Win Debuts, North Loses

North High and Torrance have lined up with 14 other top cage teams in the Southland awaiting for the tip-off in the 20th annual Beverly Hills High School Invitational Basketball Tournament set for Dec. 12-16.

As the 16 squads prepare to clash in Beverly Hills' Swim-Gym, experts are touting Anaheim, Fillmore, and Mira Costa as the teams to beat.

Other squads vying for one of the trophies given to the first five finishers are Bellflower, Compton, Culver City, El Monte, El Segundo, Montebello, Morningside, Redondo, Santa Monica, and Ventura High schools, along with the host Beverly Hills Normans.

Inspirational Award Given To Andrews

Mike Andrews, formerly an All-Bay League end at South High and now an All-Metropolitan Conference flanker for El Camino College, has been awarded the most inspirational Player of the Year award by American Legion Post 184 of Redondo.

Presented at a Norm Verry Memorial Dinner this week, the freshman Warrior was given the trophy for his playing, his leadership and his inspiration during the Indians' 5-4 season and fourth place finish in the Metro Conference.

Andrews moved right into a starting position for El Camino and wound up as the club's leading scorer, finishing fourth in that department in the conference.

Vikes Shine, Capture Two Warner Tilts

John Reynolds carried the pigskin for four touchdowns to lead the Torrance Vikings to a 37-0 decision over Rolling Hills in a Pop Warner football contest.

Reynolds scored on runs of one and four yards, a 50-yard pass interception, and a 52-yard punt return.

Other Viking scores came on a 16-yard burst by George Ray and a 5-yard journey by Randy Carter. Johnny Espinoza scored the Torrance PAT.

THE VIKINGS continued to sparkle against the Gardena Stars, shutting out the Poker City club, 31 to 7. Reynolds was once again the big man for Torrance tallying on jaunts of 22, 52, and 1 yard. Dan Pritchett and Jack Hase wound up the Viking scoring by going over from 5 and 45 yards, respectively.

In the Midget Division, the Torrance Steelers also earned boomed for TDs on runs of 64, a pair of wins. Bob Cano 3 and 2 yards to pace the Steelers to a 31-7 rout of La Mirada Lancers. Bill Sorenson intercepted a Lancer pass and raced 50 yards for a touchdown and Danny Kling hit Richard Thompson in the end zone with a 15-yard aerial to finish out the Torrance scoring.

Colt League Plans Meet

Tordena Colt baseball league has held its first meeting of the season and selected its officers for the 1962 season.

"Whitey" Gilliland will serve the league as president, while Bill Korcheny and Sid Vines will work under him as vice presidents. Other positions are filled by Al Vaselenko, treasurer; Ken Scroggins, players agent; Carl Young, equipment manager; Mr. Keeley, head score keeper; and Harvey Casson, publicity director.

Tordondo Inspects Senior Loop Plans

Much interest has been shown in the recent Little League announcement that Senior Little League has been authorized by headquarters in order to provide organized baseball for boys 13, 14, and 5 years old. This senior group would be under the direct control of the local Little League, and would be headed by a director and a senior group

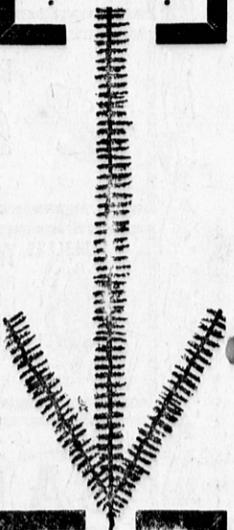
Babe Ruth Loop Names Officers

New officers have been elected for the 1961-62 Torrance Babe Ruth baseball league season.

Serving for the next year will be: president, Nel Miller; vice president, Bill Nesenson; secretary, June Gabbolis; treasurer, Agnes Cagaanan; players agent, Ray Kibben; assistant players agent, Hoot Baker; field committee chairman, Sid Horon; field committee co-chairman, Harold Dean; equipment manager, Joe Higgins; score keeper, John O'Neil; ways and means, Doreen Weir; chief umpire, Harry Theodosis; and publicity, Roy Goree.

The league is composed of 10 teams for which it currently has eight managers. Two new managers are needed and anyone with baseball experience who would enjoy teaching the boys baseball and all-around good sportsmanship, the goal Babe Ruth baseball is striving for, should contact Nel Miller at FA 8-2670.

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Dons Advance in Playoffs

El Rancho, 16-0 conquerer of North High in the first round of the CIF playoffs last week, went on to greater glory Friday night, dumping favored Long Beach Poly, 14 to 7, in a second round upset.

Poly is only the fourth club to score on the Don eleven this year, but one TD was not good enough. Frank Lovelace bucked one yard for the first El Rancho score and Ynez Garcia hit Frank Mazzotta with a 27-yard aerial in the final quarter to give the invaders the needed winning margin.

The Jackrabbits' only score came on a 37-yard gallop by Leonard Hall in the second period. El Rancho will meet CIF favorite Muir in the semifinals next week.

Pioneer League champ Culver City moved into the final round of the AAA division finals by upending rugged Serra, 6 to 0. Serra had compiled the finest defensive record in the CIF, but the Centaurs' Jerry Klein bulled over from one yard out to chalk up the second score given up by the Spartans this year.

On three occasions Serra made drives to the Centaur's

20-yard line, but Culver City's strong defense, led by Don Manning, Pat O'Sullivan, Dave Thomas, Tom Caser, and CIF candidate Don Skinner pulled out the rug on every penetration.

Culver City will meet Santa Ana Valley in the CIF finals. Santa Ana Valley edged Montclair, 12 to 6, to pole vault into the title.

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